

THE CONSPIRACY

Of the Misguided Fanatics to Ruin the Country.

THEY THINK THEY ARE RIGHT

But as the Campaign Progresses Will Get Another Think.

THE CHAIRMAN FROM COLORADO

Fire Back at Taubeneck, and Advocates Not Only the Endorsement, but the Nomination of Bryan and Sewall--They Want to Stand on a Pure Populist Plank with the "Crown of Thorns and Crucifixion on the Cross of Gold," and Every Other Item of the Chicago Convention--Promise of Trouble Ahead, Silly Silverite Syllabims.

ST. LOUIS, July 19.--Few of the delegates to the Populist convention have arrived, but among the leaders who have reached the city a very bitter war has already developed. They seem to be aligning themselves for a three-cornered fight; first, those who favor the straight-out endorsement of Bryan and Sewall which will bring to the Chicago ticket the support of the Populists; second, those who favor a fusion electoral ticket, which will maintain the Populist party organization in the east and place the leaders in a position to demand recognition in the event that the ticket is successful; and, third, what are known as the "middle of the road" Populists, who favor an independent ticket and platform.

The latter, if present indications count for anything, will be overruled. The "middle of the road" men, however, will prove strong and valuable allies to the leaders of the second class who seem determined to preserve their organization at all hazards, but profess an earnest desire to combine all the silver strength if a way can be found to give them recognition. The real fight, it is believed, will come between this faction and those who believe in putting behind them, for the present, all party pride for the sake of the cause of silver to which they are pledged.

Chairman Taubeneck, the chairman of the "middle" wing, gave out a statement last night, outlining a plan of fusion electors as the only condition on which he is willing to join hands with the free silver Democrats. But even with fusion electors, he wants a vote of the Populist nominees, the purpose being, if the plan is carried out, to elect Bryan President and a Populist vice president.

Taubeneck's interview met with a storm of protests from the faction which advocates a straight endorsement of Bryan and Sewall as the only chance of solidifying the silver forces and gaining victory.

Mr. Patterson, of Colorado, who heads the regular Colorado delegation, came out in an interview to-night in which he denounced Taubeneck's plan as not only impracticable, but impossible. He declared that insistence upon such a plan would cause a deal and jeopardize the cause of silver to which all professed to be and should be devoted. While he consulted the maintenance of the Populist organization in the future he went so far as to intimate that those who now sought to place it above the cause of silver were looking to their personal advancement and such "loaves and fishes" as might come to them with the advent of a silver administration.

Among those Populists who have arrived from the south there is much opposition to the plan of endorsing Bryan and Sewall without conditions. Senator Butler, of North Carolina, who heartily favors harmonizing all the silver elements as the only way to win, points out the strong enmity between the Populists and Democrats in the south, and expresses the opinion that unless the Populist organization is recognized in the fight, through fusion of electors it will be impossible to secure the support of the rank and file of the Populists of the south for the Chicago ticket.

George F. Washburn, of Boston, chairman of the eastern wing of the Populist party, returned to-day from a visit to Mr. Bryan at Lincoln, where he was presumably to confer with the candidate concerning his endorsement of the Populists. He was outspoken in his expression that the Chicago ticket should be endorsed and the people be given an opportunity to express a clear verdict on the issue.

All the indications are that the convention will be a very lively affair, with the certainty of much bitter wrangling, the probability of some sensational incidents and of a bolt of larger or smaller dimensions no matter what the ultimate decision of the convention is.

The leaders of the American silver party who are here appear to be all of one mind that Bryan and Sewall should be endorsed. Victory for silver is their slogan and they oppose anything which will tend to cloud the issue or divide the silver strength. They expect by their action to exercise a strong influence over the other convention, especially as there seems to be a disposition to arrange joint compromises of the silver and Populist leaders.

PATTERSON'S PLAINT.

He wants the Populist Convention to Endorse Bryan and Sewall.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 19.--Hon. Thomas M. Patterson, chairman of the regular Colorado delegation to the Populist convention, arrived to-day and, with others, immediately began a crusade in behalf of the nomination of Messrs. Bryan and Sewall by the Populist convention. During the evening Mr. Patterson and his coadjutors prepared and issued an address in reply to Chairman Taubeneck's appeal to maintain the autonomy of the party by taking a position against the nomination or endorsement of the Democratic candidate. The address of the Bryan followers as prepared by Mr. Patterson, is as follows:

"We agree with Chairman Taubeneck that the all absorbing question with Populists and should be how they can assist in the speedy restoration of silver to its former place and at the same time maintain and advance this party organization. We believe that the People's party is necessary to the country, and that should it be disbanded or become inconsequential for want of numbers, the money power would soon re-absorb the complete away over both the old trusts and the masses be deprived of the protection from the greed of corporations, parasites and speculators."

him as to the means by which these ends are to be secured. To nominate an independent ticket, one in opposition as much to Bryan and Sewall as it would be to McKinley and Hobart, would not only make it impossible to restore free coinage of silver during the life time of the youngest in the coming convention, but it would practically annihilate the People's party so far as followers are necessary to make a party. The leaders might hold frankly to the organization during the campaign, but at its close they would find its followers in full fellowship with the Democratic party, and having voted its ticket under the name and emblem of that party, if Bryan should be elected, they would find it an obstacle to continuing with it.

"Instead of concluding others, the Populist convention should nominate, not 'endorse,' Bryan and Sewall. The convention should make these two men its own nominees--the party nominees. It should adopt its own platform of principles and place them upon it as their choice for President and vice president. Having done this, delegates can return to their homes and looking constituents in the face, say: 'We have made this partial sacrifice of party pride to make certain of the enactment of laws of one or more of the great principles for which our party has struggled. In doing this we have proven that our party stands ready to do whatever is necessary to secure practical relief to a suffering country, even to the extent of supporting candidates nominated by other parties. No greater test of party devotion to principle can be devised and measured by that test, the People's party is pre-eminently worthy of the people's confidence and support.'"

The proposition of Mr. Taubeneck that whenever one party endorses the national ticket of another, it has "no further use as a party," is wholly without precedent to sustain it. The chairman's logic is simply this:

The restoration of free coinage to silver is known to be absolutely necessary to bring back the country's departed prosperity. The Democratic and People's parties are both agreed upon this and some other vital matters.

The Democratic party adopts a platform and selects presidential candidates pledged and known to be sincere in advocacy of these vital measures. The Republican party is pledged to measures the extreme reverse of those upon which Democrats and Populists agree, and unless Democrats and Populists unite, the Republican party will win and its policy of ruin indefinitely continued.

It is strange logic, indeed, that the People's party must die because it does right; that it must die because it is great and magnanimous and patriotic enough to go outside of its own ranks for a presidential candidate for whom, though not a Populist in name, is in deepest sympathy with it, for most cherished and vital measures to drive out a great and blighting curse from the country.

"Why will the nomination of Bryan and Sewall by the Populist convention render it impossible for Populists to make a fight for their local tickets as Mr. Taubeneck claims? Where they are running Populist tickets without fusion with either party, the nomination of Bryan and Sewall by their national convention but strengthen them with the people."

"It is true, that should the Democratic party be successful, the Populists might not be in a position to demand appointments to office from President Bryan, but who can doubt his sense of justice and recognition of obligation for patriotic duty well done by members of the People's party."

"Grant that the Democratic party will not be likely to provide for paper money that is not redeemable in coin; but Mr. Taubeneck is mistaken in his claim that outside of free coinage for silver, all other reforms advocated by the People's party will be forced to await the formation and victory of some new party pledged to their support. If he will read the Omaha platform and compare it line for line with the platform upon which Mr. Bryan was nominated, he will find that the latter makes a solemn pledge to the country of every reform advocated in the former, except flat money, government ownership of railroads and the sub-treasury scheme, which latter measure the Omaha platform itself disavows."

"The Populist convention will seal the doom of the party if by its action it arouses a well grounded suspicion that it prefers party autonomy to the legislation for which the masses are in such crying need."

OLD "BLOODY BRIDLES"

Is for Bryan, and Chuckles Over Some-thing that is Not Amusing.

ST. LOUIS, July 19.--Ex-Governor Walte, of Colorado, who is here, stated that he had abandoned his contest against the Patterson delegation for a seat in the convention. "I announced," he said, "that I was for Bryan, and they immediately bounced me from the delegation because they said I had sold out to Wall street. Here the governor launched inordinately. Yes," he continued, "I am for Bryan and will place no further obstacles in the way of the seating of the Patterson delegation, which is also favorable to the Democratic nominee, though I understand the contest will be continued by the other members of the delegation which bears my name."

"I am for Bryan," he went on, "because I believe in him, and because the platform on which he stands is an excellent one. I believe in his sincerity, and furthermore, I believe in the sincerity and fidelity to the Populist principles of Altgeld and Penneyer, who with Bryan dominated the Chicago convention. The Populists can do no better than nominate and endorse Mr. Bryan."

COUNTING CHICKENS

Before they are Hatched--Wild Assertions of Chairman Washburn.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 19.--Mr. George F. Washburn, of Boston, Mass., chairman of the eastern division of the Populist party, returned to the city to-day from Lincoln, where he went to pay a visit to Mr. Bryan. Mr. Washburn declined to reveal the purpose of his call upon the Democratic candidate, or to enter into the details of his interview with that gentleman. There is no doubt, however, that the object of the visit was to, if possible, reach an understanding with Mr. Bryan, which would render it consistent for the Populist convention to accept him as its presidential candidate. Mr. Washburn returned with a very excellent impression of the Democratic nominee and very anxious that his party should see its way clear to endorse Mr. Bryan.

Mr. Washburn said: "Mr. Bryan represents the highest type of American citizenship. He is a man of the people, able, honest, sincere and true and believes thoroughly in the leading principles we advocate. The Chicago platform, while it does not go as far as we should like, is a long stride in our direction and is so radical a departure that the Democratic gold bugs openly call it a Populist candidate. Now if this is true, why should we join these gold bugs in refusing to support candidates and platforms of our way? The people will endorse Mr. Bryan whether we do or not, and with a fair chance we will sweep the country. To nominate a separate ticket invites disaster. We will lose a million silver Republicans who are sure to support Mr. Bryan."

"To divide the electorate vote and combine it on the candidate carrying the

largest number of votes is out of the question. No authority exists in the Democratic party to make such an arrangement with the gold bug, and it would be repudiated by an indignant people. It narrows down to two methods: We must either nominate Bryan and Sewall, and unitedly conduct a campaign, or we must go it alone, on a separate ticket without reason in any form. If we nominate Bryan and Sewall, we can have our own national committee to make our own campaign and once our success and hold to achieve our party for the next contest."

Some of the anti-Bryan Populists held a secret meeting in Chairman Taubeneck's room at the Lindell to-night. Among those present were Ignatius Donnelly, of Minnesota; "Cyclone" Davis, of Texas; W. McDowell, of Arkansas, and others. They discussed the situation behind closed doors and under strict injunction of secrecy for hours. At midnight the meeting was still in session. Those who emerged from the room while the meeting was in progress declined absolutely to talk. As McDowell left he met Mr. Patterson, of Colorado, and in the course of a brief conversation, said that while it was possible for the Democrats and Populists to go together, the Democrats must meet them half way. "We must maintain the identity of our organization," said he, "if you refuse to accept this opportunity to join the Democrats in the restoration of silver," replied Mr. Patterson emphatically, the object for which we have been fighting you need not worry about the identity of the party. There will be no party. You'll have no following. The individual Populists will desert you as rats desert a sinking ship."

THE SENATORIAL CABAL

That is Conspiring for the Support of the Populist Convention.

ST. LOUIS, July 19.--There was a meeting at the Lindell hotel to-night in the interest of Bryan. Chairman Jones, of the Democratic national committee, was met at the station by Senator Stewart, of Nevada; Governor Stone, of Missouri; M. C. Wetmore, of St. Louis, and John F. Martin, who was sergeant-at-arms of the Democratic convention. The party drove to the Planter's hotel, where a short conference was held. Governor Stone informed Senator Jones as to the situation here, saying that the Populists were willing to endorse Bryan if they could be assured that they would not be discriminated against.

Later Senator Jones attended a meeting of the Bryan men at the Bryan headquarters in the Lindell. About sixty men were present and quite a large number of states were represented, among them being Missouri, Maryland, California, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, Colorado, Utah, Oklahoma, Iowa and Washington. At this conference Gen. J. B. Weaver, of Iowa, was chosen temporary chairman and Fred L. Bailey, of Oklahoma, Mr. Merritt, of Nebraska, and Mr. Young, of Kansas, secretaries.

It was decided to push the Bryan movement with vigor, either for a nomination or an endorsement. Senator Jones was asked as to what the Populists could expect in the way of recognition in the event that Bryan should be endorsed by the Populists. Senator Jones replied that in case of Mr. Bryan's election to the presidency, he would know no party and would recognize all those who would rally to his support. Populists were not to be looked upon as step-children. The recognition of all silver men would be equal. This announcement was received with applause by the Bryan men present.

Senator Jones made further observations about this year's campaign being a fight by all the people for the people, and no small differences should stand in the way of united action. He also urged them to organize the silver forces organized in Chicago. Both of these statements were received with applause. Afterwards Senators Jones and Stewart had a conference with Senator Butler, of North Carolina, and urged him to use his influence with southern delegates to support Bryan, as it was from these delegations that the principal opposition came.

It was stated in the meeting that Mr. Bryan had formally declined to make any specific pledges, notwithstanding he had been importuned to do so. Those of the delegates present who had seen him since his nomination at Chicago stated that Mr. Bryan had said to them that the Populists must trust him, and he proposed to make any promise of appointments of any character to men of any party. This sentiment was generally applauded as courageous in view of the prospect of receiving 2,000,000 votes, but the statement was construed to mean that Mr. Bryan meant to be fair to all his supporters in all respects in case of his election.

"OLD FRIEND COXEY"

Is on Deck, and is Attracting a Great Deal of Attention.

ST. LOUIS, July 19.--Except at the Lindell where most of the Populists and silver men make their headquarters, the hotels contain few politicians. The two conventions do not meet until Wednesday, and most of the delegates will not arrive until Tuesday. A number of prominent leaders came in on this morning's trains and more arrived to-night. With the exception of Lawrence, McPartlin, of New York, all the members of the national executive committee of the Populist party are now here. M. C. Rankin, the treasurer, coming from Terre Haute, Ind., this afternoon and Ignatius Donnelly, of Minnesota, arriving to-night. The Hon. T. M. Patterson, chairman of the regular Populist delegation from Colorado; A. C. Dillon, a prominent silver man and Populist, of California, and George F. Washburn, of Boston, arrived from Lincoln, having visited Mr. Bryan. Ex-Governor Walte, who heads the contesting delegation from Colorado, is also here.

Gen. Vandevort, of Omaha, was an early arrival and "General" J. S. Coxey is another notable to arrive. Senator Jones, of Nevada, is expected to-morrow, and his arrival is looked forward to by the Bryan supporters among the Populists and silver men. Gen. Standish, of North Dakota, came in on an early train, and had been in the city but a short time before he received a telegram from one of the delegation who had not left home, saying: "Stand up for Bryan, he is our only salvation." Most of the day in the hotels was spent by the delegates quietly conversing among themselves. At the Laclede hotel the "Middle of the Road" Populists had a mass meeting which was fairly well attended. The towering form of "Cyclone" Davis, of Texas, and the better known "General" Coxey of Ohio attracted considerable attention.

MONEY MAKING SCHEME.

Tickets to the People's Convention will Cost \$1--Hope to Raise Campaign Funds.

ST. LOUIS, July 18.--The national executive committee of the People's party held a meeting behind closed doors and transacted considerable business of a routine nature. Chairman Taubeneck presided and those present were J. H. Turner, Washington; George F. Washburn, Boston; J. H. Davis, Texas; George F. Galtner, Alabama, and V. O. Stiekler, Nebraska--a bare quorum.

The disposition of tickets to the national convention was decided upon. Each national committee man will be given five and of the delegate and alternate according to the distance he lives from St. Louis one or more. No one will

receive more than three, the nearby delegates getting the larger number.

Five thousand tickets that have been awarded to the business Men's League were being sold at 25 cents each. These tickets will be sold at \$1 each, one ticket admitting to three sessions if there are that many a day. None will be given away, and the Sergeant-at-arms, McDowell, is to be required to account for each ticket used. Badges for the delegates will be sold for 50 cents each and those for alternates for 25 cents. The proceeds from the sale of the badges and tickets will go into the campaign fund, the expectation being that several thousand dollars will be realized from the tickets and badges.

THE TARIFF PLANK

That will be Incorporated in the Platform of the Populists.

ST. LOUIS, July 19.--Following is the Populist tariff plank: We recognize the government must have revenue with which to pay the expenses thereof, but in view of the constant agitation of the institutions involved in tariff legislation and the unsettled conditions of business brought about by such agitation, we demand that Congress shall pass a law providing for a non-partisan tariff commission to which commission all the laboring, manufacturing, agricultural and mining industries of the country shall be represented, the members of which commission shall be selected from the different states of the union, which said commission shall collect all the facts and data as to the operation of the various laws passed on the subject of the tariff and shall annually report the same to Congress for its information to the end that Congress may have authentic knowledge as to the operation of said tariff laws, so that the same may be from time to time amended in the interests of justice alike to the manufacturer, the agriculturist, the miner and the American laborer, so that its protective features, if any, shall extend to the whole body of American industry. And we demand that all tariff legislation be so framed and enforced as to prevent the formation of trusts or other combinations, which for their own profit reduce the price of their product, reduce the wages of the laborer and enhance the price of the product to the consumer.

Won't Support Bryan.

ALLIANCE, Ohio, July 19.--Secretary Thomas, of the National party executive committee this evening received a telegram from John P. St. John denouncing a false story sent out from Kansas City to the effect that he would support Bryan for President.

London Stock Market.

LONDON, July 19.--The dull feeling continues on the stock exchange, and only the home railway market is at all active. The uncertainty for American currency affairs more or less dominates all the markets and there is a tendency to restrict speculation and to prepare for possible trouble ahead. Cornelius Vanderbilt's illness has still further depressed the American market and though the support given to first class American issues proves that there is confidence in the maintenance of the gold standard, there is still an uneasy feeling that many things might happen before November. Yesterday's prices showed a slight improvement. The week's decreases were as follows: Lark, 1/8; Michigan Southern, 1/8; New York Central and Reading, 1/8; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 1/8; Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe preferred, 1/8; Denver & Rio Grande preferred, 1/8; Erie mortgage and Louisville & Nashville, 1/8; Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Illinois Central, Northern Pacific and Wabash, 1/8; Pennsylvania, 1/8 per cent.

Mr. Vanderbilt Improves.

NEW YORK, July 19.--The following bulletin was given out at the residence of Cornelius Vanderbilt at 10 o'clock to-day: "Mr. Vanderbilt passed a comfortable night. His condition remains the same as last reported."

James McLane, M.D.

Harry Payne Whitney visited the Vanderbilt mansion this morning and remained a considerable time. Upon leaving he said that the present cool weather was doing much to improve Mr. Vanderbilt's condition.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., left his father's mansion about 3 o'clock. He said that his father had partaken of a little nourishment during the day and the family were hopeful. When questioned about his own health, he said that he was getting strong, but did not expect to leave the city for some time.

A Reign of Terror.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, July 19.--A special to the Enquirer indicates a reign of terror in the counties of Scioto, Meigs and Gallia bordering on the Ohio river. At Portsmouth last night the Second Presbyterian church was badly damaged by dynamite. Previously there was an attempt made to blow up with dynamite the power house of the street railway and the office and school building. A gang of twenty men, some of whom are said to be evading efforts of the officers and possess to capture them in Meigs and Gallia counties. Several people have been robbed on the highways and many houses burglarized. To-day the large stock barn of Judge S. A. Kentz was burned by incendiaries. Vigilant committees are on duty around Pomeroy and Middletown.

The Baptist Convention.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 19.--The only sensation of the Baptist Young People's Union convention was sprung last night when the formal announcement was made that Chattanooga and Denver were to have the convention of 1898. This decision was reached by the board of managers at a session held yesterday afternoon. At the same time it was decided to give the 1899 convention to Denver. The action of the board of managers was ratified by the convention.

New Disease of the Eyes.

LONDON, July 19.--A contagious disease of the eyes, the origin and characteristics of which are puzzling the physicians, is spreading in upper Silesia. At Beuthen it became necessary to close the high school and a number of other schools have been closed throughout the province. The victims of this disease are rendered totally blind.

Iron Works Assign.

MARION, Ind., July 19.--The Mattlieb Iron Works, of this city, owned by Sweet & Clark, has made an assignment to John C. Tibbets. The company has \$15,000 in paper that it is unable to meet, and which will be less than the next two weeks \$10,000 more. The liabilities are about \$70,000. The capital stock is \$100,000, over \$95,000 of which is paid in.

Business Rhodes and Jameson.

CAMP TOWN, July 19.--The select committee of the house of assembly of Cape Colony appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the Jameson raid has made a special report to the effect that Cecil Rhodes was fully acquainted with the preparations for the raid. The report also blames Dr. Jameson and others who assisted in the advance on Johannesburg.

Army of Cumberland Reunion.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19.--General Rogerian, president of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland, announces its next annual reunion at Rockford, Ills., September 23 and 24.

A QUIET SABBATH

Passed by Gov. McKinley With Few Callers.

THE LARGEST WATERMELON

Will be Presented to Him on the Opening Day of the City of Cleveland's Centennial Celebration--Novel Callers at the McKinley Dwelling--Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Leave To-day for a Three Days' Visit, and will be Guests of Chairman Hanna.

CANTON, O., July 19.--Governor McKinley passed the day very quietly at his home receiving a few callers. To-morrow he and Mrs. McKinley will go to Cleveland for three or four days to visit at the Hanna home, and attend the opening of the Forest City's centennial.

The governor will be one of the speakers for the opening day. The governor is to receive the largest watermelon raised this season. The Baltimore & Ohio railroad agent for the south secured it from a prize contest collection and the officials of this territory will make a ceremonious presentation.

Rev. John Wesley Hill, of Fowler Methodist church, Minneapolis, occupied the pulpit in Governor McKinley's church this morning. His masterly eloquent discourse was listened to by a large audience. He is a friend and admirer of Governor McKinley, but made no references to him as a candidate.

McKinley will be There

CLEVELAND, July 19.--The celebration of the centennial of Cleveland began to-day with appropriate services in all the churches. This afternoon there was a mass meeting at central armory at which addresses were delivered by representatives of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faith, and were exercises of an appropriate nature. To-night the German citizens held mass meetings at central armory and Music hall. To-morrow the military encampment of state and regular troops will be dedicated by Governor Bushnell. Tuesday will be early settlers' day. Wednesday, the 22nd, being the one hundredth anniversary of the arrival here of Moses Cleveland, the surveyor of the Connecticut Land Company, will be founders' day. Many distinguished visitors will be present. There will be a parade of military and civil societies in the afternoon and a historical pageant at night. Thursday will be New England day, and Senator Hawley, Governor Coffin and Major McKinley will be among the speakers. Friday will be wheelmen's day, and it is expected that 10,000 riders will be in the parade to occur on that day. The celebration will continue until September 10, the anniversary of Perry's victory, and each week will be crowded with interesting events.

Novelty Among Callers.

CANTON, Ohio, July 19.--The latest novelties in Governor McKinley's callers were groups of fifty little girls dressed in white, giving the Chautauqua salute with white handkerchiefs from the top of a big wagon filled with hay, followed by a company of boys, who gave a mouth organ serenade. Hon. William M. Hahn, of Mansfield, ex-member of the national committee from Ohio; Abner McKinley, of New York, a brother of the Republican presidential nominee; executive committeemen Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago, and Max Praet, of Oregon, were among the callers. It was understood Mr. Hahn will be stationed at the Chautauqua headquarters and have to do with the campaign of speech-making in the direction of appointments and dates.

DORR THE NOMINEE

Of the Third District Republicans for Congress by an Enthusiastic Convention.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MONTGOMERY, W. Va., July 19.--The Third district Republican convention met here yesterday and nominated Honorable C. P. Dorr, of Webster county, for Congress, and chose John Cooper, of Mercer county, for presidential elector. The convention was large and enthusiastic, notwithstanding the fact that the result was regarded as a foregone conclusion.

Mr. Dorr had made a complete canvass of the district, and had matters so well in hand that he was nominated practically without opposition. Mr. Dorr is a former Democrat and a representative of that large class from which the Republican party has been recruited in this district--business men who have allied themselves with the party of protection and sound money, because the Democracy has departed from the faith of the fathers. He is about forty years of age and has been as successful in business as he has been in politics. He is a thorough-going man of affairs and as a political hustler has few equals in the state. There is no doubt of his election. The Republicans are in earnest in this district and united for victory.

The convention yesterday passed resolutions expressing adherence to Republican doctrines and endorsing McKinley and the St. Louis Platform.

MANNINGTON REPUBLICANS

Hold a Housing Meeting--Hon. Alex. R. Campbell's Address.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MANNINGTON, July 19.--If one is to judge the result of the vote in November by the outpouring of the people here yesterday and the enthusiasm manifested at the district convention held here to elect delegates to the county convention at Fairmont, Marion county will be found in the Republican column with a largely increased majority.

It was the largest convention ever held in this town by any political party, the large auditorium of the opera house being crowded beyond its capacity with the representative men of the party. The speaker of the occasion was the Hon. Alex. R. Campbell, of Wheeling. He devoted his time exclusively to the theme of sound money and was listened to with wrapt attention by the audience, and applauded to the echo when he discredited the Chicago Democratic platform and showed up its fallacies.

He wound up his entertaining speech with a plea to all good men, irrespective of party, to uphold the honor and integrity of the nation and join with the Republicans this year in defeating those who would destroy the country by the free silver craze and its attendant evils.

Mr. Campbell's speech was a sound and concise presentation of the sound money question, and gained many votes for the cause.

So Are All Honest Democrats.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WESTON, July 19.--Hon. Henry Drumm, one of the judges of the supreme court, and a lifelong Democrat, is an outspoken opponent of free silver

coinage, and publicly asserts that he will not support Bryan on such a platform. Your correspondent interviewed him and he expresses his position freely and without hesitancy.

THE WORLD'S CROPS.

The Condition in the Ohio Valley is Above the Average--In Foreign Countries.

WASHINGTON, July 19.--A generally poor condition of fruit throughout the country is announced in the agricultural department report just published. Apples declined in condition from 71 to 61.6 during June. Prospects for excellent crops still remain in New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Iowa. Conditions are also very fair in Nebraska and several of the mountain states. In other parts of the country the condition of the crop is far below the average, the lowest being in the Atlantic coast states, where percentages are generally below 50. In the Ohio valley and certain of the western states not yet referred to the figures are somewhat higher, but nowhere averaging above 67, which is the percentage returned for Illinois and Missouri.

The peach crop promises to be of medium proportions. During the past month a fall of 12.5 points has taken place, leaving the general average now 51.8. Good crops are expected in Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas. The crop has suffered considerably in California, as is shown by the condition of 75, which is lower than any July condition in that state since 1890. In New Jersey the fruit is falling badly. The Connecticut and New York orchards promise very little fruit, and in Pennsylvania the condition is no better than in New Jersey, standing at 52.

In the European countries throughout the past month the conditions were highly favorable to growing grain. A summary follows:

United Kingdom--All crops were greatly improved by the rains at the end of the month, and nearly all districts indicate an average crop. Hay making has been general and the shortage on account of the long drought is not as great as was anticipated.

France--It is expected that the wheat crop will considerably exceed that of last year. It is not safe to say yet that there will be a surplus, but it is confidently predicted that the wheat crop will be sufficient for home requirements. All other cereals are looking very promising.

Germany--The month has been generally favorable to the standing grain. Late telegraphic advices are not couched in quite such sanguine words as those from France and Austria, but fair average crops are predicted.

Holland and Belgium--Crops flourishing; a good average expected for wheat, and an early harvest.

Austria-Hungary--An unusually favorable June encourages belief in a large return of cereals--wheat and rye especially. The wheat is standing thick on the Hungarian plains, and the harvest is expected to be early.

Italy--An average crop of cereals is expected.

Bulgaria and Roumania--June weather has brought wheat along wonderfully and the prospects are now good. Maize is also looking well.

Russia--Reports indicate a good average wheat crop, conditions being favorable except as to the winter wheat in Kershon and Besharabia.

A Sensational Suicide.

NEW CASTLE, Pa., July 19.--Mrs. Louise Foltz, wife of Richard D. Foltz, a prominent citizen of this place, committed suicide here yesterday morning by taking laudanum. Family troubles are said to be the cause of her terrible deed. Mr. Foltz was almost heartbroken over the occurrence, and made a desperate attempt to kill himself by the same means used by his wife. He was prevented, however, by timely interference. The Foltzes are of high social standing. Mrs. Foltz being a sister of James J. Davidson, the Republican candidate for Congress from this district. She has a brother married to a daughter of Senator Quay.

Street Railway Barns Burned.

CHICAGO, July 19.--The car barns of the Chicago City Railway Company, on Cottage Grove avenue, near Thirty-ninth street, were destroyed by fire last night. The barns were 150 feet long, 400 feet deep and occupied three-fourths of a square. It was filled with cars, being the stable for the entire system. The company lost 554 cars, 160 of them being grip cars. Not a thing in the building was saved. The loss is estimated at fully \$500,000.

Of thirty horses in the barn sixteen were saved, and fourteen were burned in their stalls.

West Virginia Women Conference.

VANCEBURG, Ky., July 19.--The West Virginia conference of the Mormon church which embraces also eastern Kentucky, begins July 31, continuing until August 3. Forty elders will be present. Eliza Kimball, president of the southern missions of the church, will preside. Vanceburg has been selected because the church has been accorded more toleration here than at any other point in this territory. Several churches in this and adjoining counties will be organized immediately after the conference.